THE GOSPEL A DISCOVERY.

AT ONE TIME UNKNOWN TO THE WORLD, NOW WIDELY PROCLAIMED.

It Plays an Important Part in Many Things - Encampment and Drill Thirty-five Centuries Ago-The Tabernscle Congregation Enjoy a Jubilee Celebration.

An unusually large congregation filled the Fourth Presbyterian Church yesterday morning, due in to the number of strangers in the city at this time.

The President and Mrs. Cleveland occu-

pled their accustomed pew and were attentive listeners.

Gospel a Discovery," the text being from the Ephesians iii, 5, "Which in other ages was not made known to the sons of men, as it is now revealed with His holy apostles and prophets by the spirit." That is, he said, "it was not at first so clearly and fully

and prophets by the spirit." That is, he said, "it was not at first so clearly and fully made known." Discovery has marked the history of mankind from the beginning, and this whole chapter, so full of apostolic fervor, is an assertion of the fact that the gospel of human salvation by Jesus Christ was one comparatively unknown to the world, but in course of time has been made known, and is now widely proclaimed.

In this sense the gospel of Christ is as much a genuine discovery as any in physical science. It is measurably clear that once mankind knew little or nothing of those great arts which in modern times have so largely contributed to the comfort and civilization of the world.

There was a time when the knowledge of the dominant professions was only meager in contrast with what it is now. We have but to think for a moment to perceive what invention has done for the dominion of mind over the elements and forces of nature, and how the powers of the human race have thus been augmented.

Take the single article of glass, for example, unknown when the time of making it commenced, but we can trace it back to the saryl sages of Egypt, where we find the first rude forms, and thence onward to our day. It was recently claimed that a French genius had discovered the art of making malleable glass, which has heretofore been held impossible. Some had thought it might be a lost art. Be this as it may, we are to observe the fact that no material discovered by man is more distinguished for utility; its uses are without limit and its aid is marvelous. To this substance, applied in so many ways, science itself is largely in debted for its advancement. It has in every way helped to extend and magnify our conceptions of the universe, and of the wisdom, goodness, and power of Him who created it. It is at once a mirror and a screen.

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It plays an important part in so many things. It forms the buckle of the lighting's harness while bearing our messages to the ends of the earth. And if it be true that it can be made malleable, there is no conceiving the part it has yet to play in the progress of the world, and yet the origin of this discovery is lost in obscurity. Suppose we knew its origin, that would not help us in its application, which alone confers its benefits.

Take the case of the gutta percha, and the experiments of a man who finally stumbled by chance upon the secret he had been searching for so long. The life of Goodyear is one of the most remarkable of modern times. No pligrim to any shrine, no martyr to any cause was ever more ardent, and what a discovery it has been.

So we may say of the compass, of steam, of magnetism, of electricity.

In how many ways have the powers of man been extended, through these elements and forces, and now it seems men are finding out new and wonderful uses and, pernaps, new slumbering powers which have been lying all this time just beneath their eyes. There was once a time when all these things were mysteries; they were not made known to the sons of men as they are now revealed to those whom God is pleased to qualify and inspire for their discovery. All these things were to the generations as though they were not. They were hidden for ages, and then by a flash of thought, which seems like inspiration, they have been discovered and revealed, and does it make any difference as to their present practical value for us to know how they were discovered and revealed, and does it make any difference as to their present practical value for us to know how they were discovered and revealed, and does it make any difference as to their present practical value for us to know how they were discovered or who revealed them? We do not stop to speculate upon their nature or to search out the secrets of their power.

And yet this is hardly a complete stateand yet this is hardly a complete statement, because there is a sentiment of honor and gratitude which ennobles humanity and which goes out to every benefactor of the world in proportion to the benefits conferred, and while things that prove to be of little or no utility upon experience become obsolete, it is those things from which men are constantly reading some advantage are constantly reaping some advantage that they do not cast away. This is the fundamental principle of our nation. We reject that which from experience

we find to be useless.

Now I wish to apply these observations to the religion of Christianity, the gospel of Christ, which was so long hidden, but is now abundantly revealed.

1. We ought to judge of it from its own inherent nature, not by outside circumstances, nor by counterparts of it, nor by pseudo samples of it. Study it as you find it, not as you think it ought to be. If you are doubtfal of its origin you cannot be doubtful of its nature.

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2. Then, again, you must judge of it by a personal knowledge of it. No man can do the gospel justice who does not know it in his own consciousness. Experience is the test of it. No man can understand the vital nature of the gospel who egards it simply from hearsay, or what he observes of it through the outward senses. No man can justly judge of the truth and efficacy of the gospel who is a stranger to the transforming power of it in the soul.

3. There is, indeed, a secondary test—that is, the observed effect of any element or force. There is a kind of judgment which proceeds upon this principle.

Now as to the gospel, its effects are a new discovery to each individual brought under its power, and that discovery will be continuous and perpetual. But the general effects upon individuals and upon society may be observed, and we claim that there is nothing among men of an influence so potent as this divine grace to promote the order, peace, security, and happiness of mankind.

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potent as this divine grace to promote the order, peace, security, and happiness of mankind.

4. Much depends likewise upon the manner in which the gospel as a discovery is to be examined and judged. If you undertake to characterize or measure it by your logical criterion of criticism you may be sure of failure in your demonstrations. You will find more objections to it than you will for Carlistian faith you must thoroughly and practically inhale it. You must have no buts, nor ands, nor ifs about it. You must resolve to live and die by it, and unless you can reach this period of demonstration it will do you no good to have heard and known the gospel.

5. Then there is a class of men who rise up and say if this is so, what is to become of all those who die never having heard the gospel? Now, this is being wise above what is written. Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right? The Bible says that the heathen are without excuse, because they do not live up to the light they have. It says those who sin without law shall punish without law. It says go preach the gospel to every creature; the believing shall be aswed, the rejecting shall be dameed.

The gospel is the discovery of the ages, because it is the specific remedy for sin-slek souls. It will cure the soul as surely as any medicine cures disease.

Of course in accepting the life of the gospel their own difficulties will be overceme, just as in fortune seeking or any enterprise of man. It is salvation by faith in Christ; it is regeneration—the new birth of the soul; it is heart work and life work. The first thing to do is look and live. Then the question may be asked if this gospel is so full of grace why was it over hidden from any ma

ENCAMPMENT THIRTY-FIVE CENTURIES AGO. Services of a very interesting character were held at St. Paul's English Lutheran Church last night. Rev. Dr. Domer, the pastor, preached a fine sermon from Num-bers XXIV, 5: "How goodly are thy tents, O

Jacob, and thy tabernacles; as the valleys are they spread forth, as gardens by the river side, as the trees of lign-aloes which the Lord hath planted, and as cedar trees besides the waters." He said in part: Benedictions were compelled on Bulasm's gart; when he proposed to curee Israethe was compelled to see his error and pronounce them blessed. He saw things in the chosen people of God which he could not but admire. Somewhere the cause of the Lord's kingdom gets itself into favor among the opposing powers of the world and so netime it must reveal itself in final and eternal supremacy.

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The scene presented in one passage was that of a 'national encampment and drill of thirty-live centuries ago. The suggestion of the subject came from the event which is taking place in this city, that competitive national drill which was now bringing into our city people from many portions of our country.

Travelers describe the beauty which the circular range of Bedouin tents imparts to the descris on which they build their encampments. How impressive must have been the view as seen from the heights of the Abarim mountains of the immense camp of Israel extended over the subjacent plains.

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"The camp on the Potomac, the beauty of situation along this historic river cannot be exaggerated, and in this lovely month of May an unusual glory and beauty are added in the circumstances of public parks, and flower gardens, silver; lakes, and distant hills. The works of art, the great buildings of this capital, and the beautiful city itself, all add to the beauty and delight of this summer camp of citizen soldiers, who are to remain with us for a little while in rival exhibitions of the skill to which they have acquired in the military art.

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The sublimest thing in any camp, in any army is the patriotic and religious sentiment which inspires to deeds of valor and coasecrates the cause.

The true glory of a nation lies not in the splendid misery of war, but in the dissemination of honorable happiness, the encouragement of goodness, and the depression of vice.

The National Drill in our city has been brought into being and is now about to be organized into effective form. Much thought has been exercised, much energy and skill evinced, and much cost incurred in the attractive enterprise.

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For the promised success great credit is due to those who have planned and labored to make the affair worthy of its national designation, and it is to be hoped that in its designation and mission and the results following a complete justification may appear for all the efforts and expenditures incurred. Any carping and factious criticism would be out of place, and, looking upon the scenes as they shall be unfolded from day to day, we should desire only the fairest and best results, and as citizens coperate in making the sojourn of all these strangers with us as pleasant and happy as possible.

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The relations and influences between the citizens and these strangers are moreover theroughly mutual. These associations and exercises may be made to subservivaluable purposes as the respective responsibility of all parties is properly apprehended and fulfilled.

The people of Washington will be favored with such exhibitions of military science and art as is seldom witnessed in any country. Some time there shall be no more war. "Nations shall have war no more." To the eye of faith that glorious summer time is seen approaching. ime is seen approaching.

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Yesterday was a day of jubilee for the congregation of the Tabernacle in South Washington. Services were held in the morning and evening to celebrate the clearance of the church from debt. In the morning Rev. Dr., J. E. Rankin, for fifteen years pastor of the First Congregational Church here, preached to a full house on "The New Nature Through the New Birth." His points were: lst, All nature is derived from birth. Second, Nature though deterred by birth becomes confirmed only by habit. Third, Man can have no new nature without a new birth. Fourth, There is no new nature for man unless it be spiritual. Dr. Rankin closed with the following address to the church and congregation:

"My dear brothren and sisters of the Tabernacle: I am glad to be with you this day. Under the heroic leadership of your pastor and of the Captain of our salvation, with the sympathy of thousands of Congregationalists in the land, you celebrate this jubilee day. I was not mistaken when I saw in your doubtful and uncertain feeling after something different in government that ultimately you must be a self-governing church; you must range yourselves under the banner of the men and women who landed as exiles on Plymouth Rock, and with prayer and psalm consecrated this continent to freedom and to God. So far as it is proper for one who, in this city, for fifteen years held aloft this banner and saw it advance through good report and through evil report to bid you welcome to this fellowship I do so this morning. God has sifted you as the pilgrims were sifted, but I believe the remnant that remained are mostly pure wheat. May you be so planted and multiplied in the Lord that the fruit of this handful of corn shall yet shake like Lebanon. May you hear your leveler moving in the tree tops as the winds move

planted and multiplied in the Lord that the fruit of this handful of corn shall yet shake like Lebanon. May you hear your leveler moving in the tree tops as the winds move the forests of the mountains.

I must confess that I do not like you any the less because so many of you come from that grant body of men and women called Methodists. Keep in your souls that spirit which descended upon you at the first; which has been awakened in you by moving with that great company which, though they so greatly outnumber us as the other tribes outnumbered Judah, cannot take from us that heritage of civil and religious freedom which was cradled in the cabin of the Mayflower, and which has made the wilderness the Pilgims found here to blossom as the rose." om as the rose."
In the evening

A SECOND JUBILEE SERVICE

was held. The pulpit was handsomely decorated with flowers, and the music rendered was excellent. Rev. William C. scofield, the pastor, spoke as follows:
God led his ancient people "about through the wilderness of the Red sea" instead of by the more direct route to Canan, "through the land of the Phillstines." Reason: "Lest the people repent when they see wars, and they return to Egypt," a worse thing than a Red sea experience. Possibly there may have been a similar reason for bringing the congregation of the Tabernacle by the way of a wilderness of indebtedness. The debt is now a thing of the past. To the best of my knowledge and belief every dollar of the legal indebtedness of \$15,445 has been paid on this wise:

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1. Sundry individuals, five in number, more than a year since, covenanted with one another, in the presence of witnesses, to surrender obligations amounting to \$6,225, on condition that the balance of the debt should be raised. That covenant, signed by four of the five individuals referred to, has been put in writing, while the fifth is bound by an equally solemn verbal engagement. Should the church ever be able to reimburse these parties, the moral obligation to do so is confessed. The balance of \$12,220 has been paid by a gift of \$6,000 from the Madison Avenue Congregational Church of New York city.

2. By a loan without interest of \$3,483 from the Congregational Union of New York, the said loan to be repaid by annual installments of from \$100 to \$300, within fourteen years. All contributions to the union are credited on the loan.

3. By discounts amounting to \$41,51.

4. By 170 subscriptions from friends of the tabernacle in this city and elsewhare, amounting to \$2,295.40. In view of so great a deliverance, we are ready to exclaim "What hath God wrought."

The deliverance@cams at the most critical period in the history of the Tabernacle. The church of fifty members, from as many families, mostly in very moderate circumstances, with a large sprinkling of widows and orphans, could no longer carry such a debt, to say nothing of reducing or paying it. Foreclosure in March was staring us in the face. Our extremity was God's opportunity. Help came suddenly, and from an unexpected quarter. The following sentence, from Rev. Dr. Rankin's letter, Jan. 10, "Dr. Ranney has promised me \$6,000 for the Tabernacle at Washington," was "the arrow of the Lord's deliverance." Since then there has been no cassation of effort. It is presumed that unless the smitting had continued unto the lifth or sixth time the debt would not have been consumed.

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W. Renney and F. T. Hopkins, esq., of the Madison Avenue Church, and last but not least, Francis A. Palmer, esq., president of the National Broadway Bank and a director of the Congregational Union, who contributed \$500 toward the loan. But to God be all the praise.

Obstacles were encountered of course, some of them of a formidable character, and there were evil auguries and false prophets made others to hope they would fulfill their word.

Contrary to what is usual the subscription list has not been one requiring allowance for shrinkage. It has gone on swelling until the last.

Though a few persons have not found it convenient to anticipate by a few days the payment offir the subscriptions, yet the friend who has advanced the amount needed to pay the small balance of indebtedness expects to be fully reimbursed not later than June 1. If all subscriptions are paid there will remain out of subscriptions that have come in without solicitation a surplus of \$100, which is set apart as the nucleus of a fund for the erection of much needed Sabbath school rooms in the rear of the church.

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At the Metropolitan M. E. Church last evening, Rev. Dr. John P. Nowman preached the fifth of his sermons to women, his discourse being upon "Woman's Piety." His text was taken from the gospel according to St. Matthew, xxvii, 55: "And many women were beholding afar off, which followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering unto him." Also, xxviii, 5: "And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye, for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified."

"In the fourth and immediately preceding discourse," said the preacher, "three points were emphasized; first, that woman has not more moral power than man. Perhaps this is a startling assertion, but truth is always startling, especially when it contradicts a faise notion and a prevailing prejudice. It was an assertion in the abstract and not in the concrete. It was argued on the score of justice and from the light of history.

"While some of the gentlemen who were here last Sabbath night feit somewhat encouraged by the fact that women were as bad as men, some of the women took courage that the preacher did not say that woman was worse tan man.

"We have considered woman in history, woman in her mission, woman's education, and woman's power. Now comes, logically enough, "Woman's Piety" to signify that power for personal good, for the welfare of society, and for the coming of that illustrious cra, the song of the prophet and the dream of the saint. Two things are worthy of your consideration to night, your obligations to society growing out of gratitude and duty. You should embrace the Saviour with all the ardor of a woman's love.

"I declare here that woman's position in this country is the direct result of the beneficent influence of the precepts and the conditions of Christianity, and hence I say to these women present, you should be Christians, because of your gratitude to Jesus Christ, your Tou.

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The preacher then referred to a former assertion, that woman had reached her lowest domestic and social degradation before the Saviour came, and quoted largely from history in substantiating his position, and said it was Christ who declared for her her proper station.

"It required," he said, "a religious coursge of the sublimest kind to do what Christ did for woman, for to be her friend, to look in compassion upon her was an offense against the social statutes of the time in which the Master lived. Bravest of the brave, grandest of the grand, clothed in the authority of divine truth he dared to do whatever became a divine teacher."

Instances were recited to show Christ's kindness for women, and the numerous cases in which they were chosen for high place in the Master's service.

"Men are not humanized," he continued. "There is a brutality of man in Christian and pagan countries that is tiger-like—no, that is a siander on the tiger-that shows that the devil is there. Only an incarnate devil will abuse a woman. Hut behold how Christ's beneficent treatment of woman was practiced by his illustrious apostles, especially by that logician of the church, St. Paul."

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An extensive review of the cases of woman in the highest circles of nobility in pagan Greece and Rome and other ancient states who had embraced Christianity and thus led others to the Saviour followed.

"The question is whether you will respond to these double calls—gratitude and duty. Infidels say your elevation is due to the absence of religious restraint. Nothing of the kind. It is due to the beneficent spirit of Christianity permeating throughout society. The American woman has almost realized the position to which Christ has

realized the position to which Christ has assigned her.

"By the force of circumstances woman is the recognized moral leader of the day. Man is not. Recall the mighty reforms to-day and they are by women. The temperance cause was almost a failure until woman came to the rescue. The result is that never before in the history of this country has sobriety had such a hold upon society and tegislation as at this time. Woman must banish inebriety from the social life of our country. Until they do it it will not be done. Gentlemen, if you want to keep women out of politics then do the duty that womanhood demands. If you do not, then these women will insist until they are clothed with the mighty power of the ballot, and they will vote for sobriety and for a republic founded on the principles of Christianity. Let your response be speedy.

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"God bless you, woman! Sisters, daughters, mothers, let me plead with you, for you are the sheet anchor of Christianity, you are the social stability of the republic, you are the crowning virtue of the home, and Jesus Christ from His throne in glory looks down upon you to-night as the chief instrument for the advancement of His kingdom. God bless you and your noble response to the Master's call."

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The preacher announced that there would be services held at the church nightly during the present week, in view of the presence of so many visitors in the city.

ALEXANDRIA MATTERS.

Items of Interest Gathered for th "Republican's" Readers.

Mayor Smoot has had taken 200 coples of the photograph of Billy Williams, the supposed murderer of Officer Arnold, who will have them sent out in order that he

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There were six arrests yesterday for drunkenness, six of the parties being from Washington.

Children's day was appropriately observed in the Methodist Episcopal Church South, the church being beautifully decorated with flowers. All the exercises by the children were pretty and well received.

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The May term of the county court will commence to-day. It is the chancery term.

At the annual meeting of the Robert Portner Brewing Company the following directors were elected for the ensuing year: Robert Pertner, Paul Muhlhauser, C. A. Strangman, C. G. Herbert, and Frank P. Madigan.

Mesers. Harlow & Caton, real estate agents, have sold to Justice Schneider a lot on the west side of Washington street, near Princess, for \$975.

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Fish for the Judges.

a committee, last Saturday tendered an exa committee, last Saturday tendered an ex-cursion to Marshall Hall and plank shad dinner to the judges of the supreme court of this District. The opportunity was availed of for the judges to become better acquainted with the lawyers practicing in this District. The trip proved an enjoyable one, and there is talk of repeating it.

Only a Slight Fire. An alarm from box 31 at 3:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon was for a fire in the

cigar store of J. H. Coates, 123 Seventeenth street, caused by a defective flue. Damage done is estimated at \$25; fully covered by

INDIAN TRADERSHIPS

the Harrible Condition in Which the Committee Finds Affairs. Senator Platt, of the committee to investigate the Indian traderships, has returned and says that the proceedings of the comnittee proved of more absorbing interest

and says that the proceedings of the committee proved of more absorbing interest than was anticipated. Inasmuch as the evidence is not all in as yet he will speak only in general terms. The traders say they were removed for the sole reason that they were Republicans and that personal and political friends of those in authority given their places. Not only did they lose their places but their fortunes were swept away by the change. The average investment in the enterprises was \$20,000, and many of the old traders, now old men, are driven into bankruptey.

The Indians receive annuities and lease monely, and are periodically in funds for a few days at a time. At all other seasons they are the debtors of the traders, who usually have one-half or three-quarters of their investments outstanding. The Indians pay their debts promptly enough to traders who remain in business and who can continue to trust them, but one whose doors are closed, or who, as in some cases, is peremptorily ordered away from the territory, has no chance of recovering more than a fraction of his dues.

The fact that new traders come armed with exclusive franchises places the old traders at a disadvantage as regards prices. In many instances appointments were made on the sole ground of "indunee," and the new man openly proposed copartnership with their predecessors. Senator Platt thinks the committee will be a unit that the arbitrary power of bankrupting worthy men should call for a reform.

The committee visited the Indian territory to investigate an agency and Indian store. They found on the Kaw reservation a tract of 20,000 acres, a tribal remnant of just 197 persons. In Osage county 1,500,000 acres are reserved for 1,500 persons, and many of them are worthless and uncultured, with all the savage barbarity of their ancesters. If their per capita allotment were made, each man, woman, and child would receive about \$12,000. The full-blooded, uncultured, and savage Indian cultivates the land, but not with his own hands. On the contrary, they emplo

of civilization is not calculated to make him a good citizen.

THE CONTINENTALS' FAIR. Arrangements Perfected for the Grand

Opening To-Night. The fair of the Washington Continentals will be inaugurated this evening at the Skating Rink, on E, between Sixth and Skating Rink, on E, between Sixth and Seventh streets northwest, and continue until the 4th proximo. Gen. Albert Ordway has promised to be present, and the opening will be attended with all the pound and ceremony usual on such occasions, and in which the general will take a prominent part. Everything that can be done for the comfort and enjoyment of their patrons the Continentals have performed, and it is believed that financial success will attend the committees' efforts.

The following are in charge of tables: Ice cream parlors, Mrs. Mell, assisted by Misses Dorlan, Brown, Williams, Scriveaer, and Mell. Supper room—Mrs. Davis, assisted by Mrs. Diggs. Confectionery stand—Mrs. Bolden, assisted by Misses Milligan, Edna and Mamie Mills, and Hornback. Flower stand—Misses Popkins and Langston. Paper and stationery—John B. Fonda, assisted by Misses Popkins and Langston. Paper and stationery—John B. Fonda, assisted by Misses frowlan, Lutz, and Ribnitzky. Museum—Martin, Madert, and Mell. Gent's furnishings—Lieut. Ludwig and Corp'i Lieberman. Cane stand—C. Curtis, assisted by E. G. Benson. Postofice—Lieut. Bell, postmaster general; Miss McCann, postmistress; Miss Andrews, chief clerk. Gipsy—Miss Kline. Soda water—Shaw, with assistance. Paddle box—Curtin, with assistance. Cigar stand—Miss Lutz, assisted. Voting table—Lieut. Browne. Lemonade—Corp'i M. Lieberman. Seventh streets northwest, and continue

Sunday Concerts at the National. Next Sunday night at the National Thea ter Prof. John Philip Sousa will inaugurate a series of Sunday night concerts. The programmes will include selections which will appeal to a cultivated musical taste as well as those which will suit the popular taste. Among the numbers for next Sunday evening will be Ambrose Thomas's overture to "laymond, or the Secret of the Queen;" the "Walkins," by Wagner; "in-Queen;" the "Walkins," by Wagner; "In-ternational Congress," by Souss; the ballet music from "Excelsior;" Rossint's "In-flammatus," from the "Stabat Mater," Mr. Walter F. Smith playing the solo: Loder-man's ever popular "Swedish Wedding March," and the comical contest by God-frey. Mr. Wm. F. Pruette, the baritone, will be the vacalist. frey. Mr. Wm. F. will be the vocalist.

Juvenile Temple and Band of Mercy. Star of Hope Juvenile Temple, No. 1 Martin McKim chief templar, had a very pleasant meeting in the Star of Hope Lodge pleasant meeting in the Star of Hope Lodge Hall yeaterday afternoon. In addition to the regular temple exercises recitations and readings were given from Band of Mercy publications, and original and appropriate songs sung inculcating humanesentiments. The exercises were under the direction of Star of Hope Band of Mercy, which meets every Friday evening at the parlors of Mrs. Bollinger, 2209 I street northwest, and which is officered as follows: Willie Parker, president; Georgie Kiser, vice president; Phoebe Ross, secretary, and Martin McKim, treasurer.

Bold Road Robbers. As herdic 50 was passing along Massa-chusetts avenue, between Fifteenth and Sixteenth streets northwest, at 11: 0 o'clock Saturday night, the driver was attacked by saturasy night, the driver was attacked by two men—one colored and the other masked—for the purpose of robbery. The thieves anatched the cash box, containing \$15 in money and tickets. The driver structure one of the assailants in the face with his whip, and was fired at, but happily the builet missed him. There were a number of passengers in the herdic at the time, but no one was injured.

Mrs. Folsom Visits Mount Vernon. Mrs. Folsom, accompanied by her siste Mrs. Welsh, who is visiting her at Oal few, the President's country home, went view, the President's country nome, went to Mount Vernon on Saturday on the United States tug Rescue, leaving the navy yard [at 10 o'clock. Others in the party were: Capt. R. R. Wallace (commandant of the navy vard) and wife, Senator Cockrell, and several members of Paymaster General Rochester's family. The party took lunch down the river and returned to the yard at 4:30 o'clock.

Indorsing Their President. At a meeting of the Woman's National Press Association held at Willard Hall on May 21 the following resolution, offered by Mrs. Lisle Lester, was unanimously adopted: Resolved, As members of the Woman's Na-tional Frees Association, we thank our presi-dent, Mrs. Lincoln, for the able manner in which she has met the difficulty of obtaining press privileges at the National Drill Emounta-ment, and that we, as a body, sustain her de-fense and action in the matter,

Judge MacArthur to Be Caned. The cane voted at the recent fair of St. oseph's Church to Judge MacArthur will be presented to him next Wednesday even ing. Mr. Charles S. Moore, the popular young attorney, has been selected to make the presentation, and the evening promises to be a pleasant one.

Heavy Loss of Money. A gentleman residing at No. 506 G street northwest, yesterday lost between \$400 and \$500 out of his hip pocket. It was rolled up and held by a rubber band. He offers a handsome reward for its return.

BERKELEY, a pure rye whisky, the best on the market for the price, \$4 per gallon, \$1 a quart, and 50 cents a pint, 30 cents a sample bottle, Tharp, \$13 Fetroet northwest.

GOOD TEMPLARS' JUBILEE.

Perseverance Lodge Receives Grand Officers From Virginia.

Rarely is a subordinate lodge of Good Templars so highly honored in the number and rank of its visitors as was Perseverance and rank of its visitors as was Perseverance in its beautiful home in Elks' Hall, on Saturday evening last, and rarely do prominent Templars representing so many distinct associations meet in a lodge where the best form of the initiatory degree work is illustrated in such an impressive manner as is uniformly the case in Perseverance. Of those present from Virginia were J. R. Miller, G. C. T.; G. W. Hawxhurst, G. S.; Wm. A. Rucker, P. G. C. T.; Mrs. G. H. Hawkhurst, grand treasurer; J. A. Hobson, and Mrs. Fannie Bowman, representatives to the Right Worthy Grand Lodge; Mrs. J. A. Hobson, W. H. Hatch, state deputy; S. W. Hagenbaugh, of Arlington Hill Lodge, and irvin and Clyde Miller. Among District Good Templar visitors were Chief Templar Switzler, Past Grand Chief Templar Switzler, Past Grand Chief Caldwell; past grand superintendent of juvenile Templars, Mrs. Gilbert, and others of Anchor Lodge; Mrs. Chambers, representative of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge, and Mrs. Naylor, and others from Minnehala Lodge; Grand Secretary Dony, past chief templar, and others of Fidelity Lodge; Past Grand Chief Templar Multney, Slater Whitney, and others from Monumental Lodge; Grand Secretary Dony, past chief templar, and others, from Clements Lodge; Chief Templar Bollinger, Past Chief Money, and many others, from Clements Lodge; Chief Templar Bollinger, Past Chief Money, and others, from Morning Star Lodge; Chief Templar Buldedge; Brother and Sister Mitchell, Brother Kinder, and Sister Sherwood, and others, from Legendent Lodge, and members from Legendent Lodge, and me in its beautiful home in Elks' Hall, on Sat-

by Sister Hattie Wood and Miss Josie Lee, a plano solo by the choir, Brother and Sister Frear, Brother and Sister Edson, and Sister Frear, Brother and Sister Edson, and Sister Highbee, a trio by Brother and Sister Frear and Sister Kalstrom, a piano solo by Sister Phillips, Sister Carrie Brookfield accompanying, a whistling solo by Sister Cole, and a cornet solo by Brother Hall, without the cornet.

The doors were thrown open during the good of the order exercises, and among visitors outside the order who came in were Charlie Nye, who made a characteristically happy address, and Rev. Mr. Phillips and wife, of Hudson, Wis., long-time advocates of temperance, who are stopping for a few days with old friends, Mr. and Mrs. Frear, of northeast Washington. Telling talks were made by Brothers Moulton, Lee, and others.

A CHAPTER OF CASUALTIES. Seven Persons Drawned Near Phila-

Philadeliphia,

Philadeliphia, May 22.—Early this afternoon a party of eight people started out from Port Richmond, in the northeastern part of the city, in a row boat to take a ride down the Delaware. They went down the river some distance, but on the return trip, when near Market street wharf, the boat, which was undoubtedly overloaded, capsized, and five of the occupants were drowned. The names of the drowned are: Kate Murphy, aged 21, the wife of Timothy Murphy, aged 21, the wife of Timothy Murphy, aged 16, all of No. 4 Robiuson street; Denis Clemens, aged 25, of 501 Richmond street, and Maggie Haney, a young lady of 168 Bughler street. The other three occupants, as follows, were saved by a passing tug boat: Timothy Murphy, the husband of Kate Murphy; Thomas Connor, of 501 Richmond street, and Ellen Caman, of No. 1505 Tudor street. Thomas and Jerry Murphy were brothers of Timothy, and the others were friends of the Murphy's. All but Miss Caman lived in the same neighborhood, and all were said to be under the influence of liquor. The cause of the capsizing has not been definitely learned further than that the boat was believed to have been overloaded. It was nearly 10 o'clock this evening when the accident occurred.

Matthew Hart, 9 years of age, fell overboard from Almond street wharf this afternoon and was drowned before assistance could reach him.

Wm. Brown, aged 7, and John Bloomer, aged 9, went bathing in a pond at Twenty-first and Moore streets during the afternoon. Willie Brown was drowned.

ANTI-POVERTY SOCIETY. Enthusiastic Meeting in New York

Last Night. New York, May 22 .- Henry George pre sided at to night's meeting of the Anti-Poverty Society in the Academy of Music. The building was filled to overflowing by an enthusiastic audience. When Mr. George began an address by referring to the

George began an address by referring to the pope's letter to Archbishop Corrigan, published this morning, there was an outburst of cheering for Dr. McGlynn which lasted several minutes. Mr. George, after admitting that the expressions in the letter pointed to excommunication, said. "Terrible as that penalty is, I believe Dr. McGlynn will be true to his convictions. The priest, McGlynn, is made of the stuff that martyrs are made of.

"To-night he is in Jersey City preaching the Cross of New Crusade, and next Sunday he will speak on this platform." Michael Clarke, secretary of the society, spoke of the "brutal eviction" of Dr. McGlynn from his pulpit, and declared that in the letter published to-day the pope was not speaking ex cathredra to the universal church, and, therefore, the church has not yet condemned the doctrine of land taxation.

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Rev. Hugh O. Pentecost, the eloquent pastor of the Bellville Avenue Church, Newark, was the principal speaker of the BIG FIRE IN SAVANNAH.

Thirteen Dwellings Destroyed - Four

Firemen Injured. SAVANNAH, GA., May 22 .- Fire broke out in an uncompleted row of tenements in the southern part of this city at 4 o'clock this morning, and before it was got under control destroyed thirteen dwellings. The occupants of the row adjoining that in which the fire originated barely escaped with their lives by jumping through the windows. Four firemen were injured, though not fatally, by being caught between the walls of burning buildings. The fire is supposed to have been the work of incendiaries, who have make several attempts to fire buildings in that part of the city. The total loss is estimated at \$30,000. this morning, and before it was got under

CONFERENCE OF FRIENDS. The Annual Meeting Held in New York and Brooklyn.

New York, May 22.-The New York yearly meeting of Friends began to-day at their meeting house in East Fifteenth street. their meetings were held in Brooklyn. Services were held morning, afternoon, and evening. Many of the Quakers were present from Fennaylvania and other parts of the country. Among the speakers were David Newport, of Pennaylvania: Lydia H. Price, John Shotwell, Philip Dorland, of Saratoga; Thomas Foulk, John Stringham, and Mrs. Bond, of Pennaylvania; Robt. Haviland and Mrs. D. Williams, of Miscity.

NEW YORK GOES THIRSTY.

The Blue Laws Are Rigidly Enforced in the Metropolis.

NEW YORK, May 22 .- The blue laws were strictly enforced again to-day. The scenes of last Sunday was re-enacted at the hotels. of last Sunday was re-enacted at the hotels, Most of them wore a deserted look. Everybody who could do so left for the seaside resorts in the vicinity. Every out zoing ferry boat and train was crowded. In consequence the people of Jersey City, Hotoken, Brooklyn, and Staten Island resped a rich harvest. Nearly ten thousand people went to Staten Island alone. The day in the city was unmarked by incidents from excise cases.

Painting of Ex-P. M. Gen. King. Ex-postmaster general Horatio King has presented a fine life-size oil portrait of himself to the Postoffice Department, to be placed with the collection of former heads of the department.

"THE GOOD OLD DAYS" HUMBUG. Evidence That They Were Not What They Are Said to Have Been.

[Bridgeport Standard.] Men 90 years old remember when there were no steamboats, but all travel on the water was done by the slow, uncertain means of sailing vessels, when if one started for New York it was doubtful if he would reach there in a day or a week. Now

would reach there in a day or a week. Now we know how many hours and minutes it requires to make the trip.

Men now 60 years old remember when there were no railroads, but all travel on land was done by stages, by wagons, by ox teams, on horseback, and on foot. Now a network of railroads covers the whole country, and several lines run from the Atlantic to the Pacific ocean. Now it requires only six or seven days to cross the continent. Fermerly that trip required tures months.

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Men 50 years old remember when there were no photographs, but only paintings and frawings, made at great prices, of objects now done better in an instant at

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trifling cost.

Men of that age also remember when no
steamboat crossed the ocean, and it was believed that they never could, but now hundreds of steamships are plowing every
ocean, reducing the time of crossing the
Atlantic from weeks to days.

Men 45 years old remember when there
was no electric-plating, but everything in
that line was done in the old fashioned,
slow way.

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Men of that age also remember when there were no telegraphs, but all messages had to be sent by the slow going mails.

Men 25 years old remember when there were no telephones, but all the messages now spoken through them had to be sent by note or special messenger.

All these grand and useful inventions have been made within the memory of men now living. The younger generation can never appreciate them as those do who remember the want of them and therefore the great convenience they are to the world.

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We often hear of "the good old days of yore." Why deprive our children of the enjoyment of those old days? Why not pass a law forbidding steamboats from plowing the waters, railroads from running on land, telegraphs from sending messages, telephones from being used, all furnaces, steam heaters, &c., to be taken out of houses and other buildings, all grates for burning coal to be taken out, all stoves to be melted for old from, all water works in cities to be left empty, the use of all gas and other illuminators, except dipped tallow candles, to be discontinued, and really to go back to the "good old times," say for five years. Then, if at midnight on a cold, stormy night a doctor is wanted, he must be sent for instead of telephoning for him. If one wishes to send a message to a distance, instead of telegraphing he must write a letter and send it by stages to a distant place and wait patiently for days or weeks for the answer.

When one goes home on a freezing night he can sit by a wood fire, roasting on one side while freezing the other, and reading by the dim light of a tallow dip, instead of the blaze of a gaslightor the more agreeable light of kerosene. If he undertakes a lour-

by the dim light of a tallow dip, instead of the blaze of a gaslight or the more agreeable light of kerosene. If he undertakes a jour-ney, instead of getting into cars and going where he wishes, the best thing he can do is to take a stage at four times the cost and ten times the discomfort of the cars. Let these and other modern improvements be forbidden and the "good old days" be brought back, how long would it be before an extra session of the legislature would be demanded to knock the "good old days" into splinters, and to restore the much better modern days which we now enjoy, and for which we ought to be most devoutly and for which we ought to be most devoutly thankful?



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